

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed on September 19, 2007. The shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on December 19, 2007. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final action.

Claims 1-34 were pending in the present application. In the Office Action, claims 25-28 were allowed and claims 8-12, 17, 18, 20 and 23 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims.

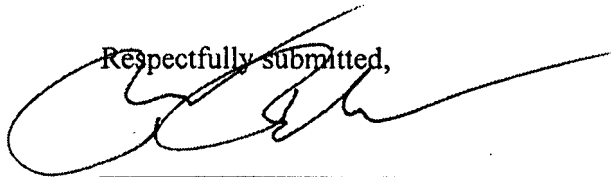
In accordance with the indication of allowable subject matter set forth in the Office Action, by the above amendments, claims 8-12, 17, 18, 20 and 23 have been amended by rewriting them in independent form to include all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Further, dependent claims 13-15, 19 and 24 have been amended above to dependent from the above claims containing allowable subject matter. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-15, 17-20 and 23-24 are in proper condition for allowance along with already allowed claims 25-28.

Applicants note that the remaining claims 1-7, 16, 21, 22 and 29-34 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so that only claims that have been allowed or indicated as containing allowable subject matter remain pending in the present application.

Applicant believes that this case is now in good condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited for claims 8-15, 17-20 and 23-28. If a telephone or further personal conference would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, who will cooperate in any appropriate manner to advance prosecution.

The Commissioner is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to **Deposit Account Number 50-2638**. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 092807-011000 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

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